

## Aramis Vineyards ★★★★★

### JAMES HALLIDAY TASTING NOTES



**The Governor McLaren Vale Syrah 2008** Rich and full-bodied, but with more facets than the Black Label; oak plays an obvious role and the tannins are finer; blackberry fruit does have some chocolate, but not to the extent of Black Label. Excellent achievement for the vintage. Screwcap.  
14.5% alc. **Rating 95 Drink 2023 \$56 Date Tasted Mar 10**

**White Label Adelaide Hills Sauvignon Blanc 2009** Light straw-green; a deliciously fragrant bouquet with passionfruit, gooseberry and citrus, the palate - if anything - picking up the pace even further. A bold and very successful extension of the portfolio. Screwcap.  
13.5% alc. **Rating 95 Drink 2011 \$19 Date Tasted Feb 10**

**White Label McLaren Vale Shiraz Cabernet 2008** Dense purple-red; that regional dark chocolate fires the opening salvo on the bouquet and medium- to full-bodied palate; however, there is a more than ample offer of blackcurrant and blackberry fruit to provide flavour balance, fine tannins and oak filling out the finish. Screwcap.  
14.5% alc. **Rating 94 Drink 2020 \$19 Date Tasted Mar 10**



**Black Label McLaren Vale Shiraz 2008** Dense, dark purple-red; difficult to imagine a more powerful statement of the region, dark chocolate dominant on bouquet and palate alike, although the black fruits are also a potent component of a full-bodied shiraz with long life ahead. Screwcap.  
14.5% alc. **Rating 93 Drink 2028 \$25 Date Tasted Mar 10**

**O'Aristocratis McLaren Vale Sparkling Syrah 2005** No information given on the time spent on lees prior to disgorgement, but it has built complexity, and the balance of the black fruit flavours is good. Made at Padthaway Estate, with a very expensive bottle - perhaps \$7.99 a bottle. Diam.  
14.5% alc. **Rating 92 Drink 2015 \$68 Date Tasted Feb 10**

**Sparkling Shiraz 2005** Complex sparkling shiraz with lots of spice, licorice and blackberry fruit; the handling of phenolics and dosage has been very astute. Bottle shape will appeal mightily to some. Diam.  
**Rating 90 Drink 2013 Date Tasted Sep 09**